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REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 4755, (B) STATE 93327

1. WEIZMAN TELEPHONED DCM THIS MORNING (APRIL 12) TO
INFORM US THAT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN YESTERDAY FROM VISIT
TO SOUTH LEBANON HE HAD MET WITH SIILASVUO TO DISCUSS
QUESTION OF FURTHER IDF WITHDRAWAL. HE HAD PRESENTED
SIILASVUO WITH A PROPOSED PROGRAM OF "PHASED WITHDRAWAL"
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WHICH HE SAID WAS "ROUGHLY WHAT SIILASVUO WANTED."

2. AT OUR REQUEST HIS MILITARY SECRETARY HAS SENT US
THE FOLLOWING LETTER CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE WITHDRAWAL
PLAN PRESENTED TO SIILASVUO:

"FOLLOWING THE CONVERSATION THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE HAD

WITH YOU (VIETS) THIS MORNING AND ACCORDING
TO HIS PROMISE TO AMBASSADOR LEWIS, PLEASE FIND
HEREUNDER THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WE HAVE FORWARDED
YESTERDAY, APRIL 11, 1978, TO GENERAL SIILASVUO,
AFTER THE MEETING WE HAD WITH HIM:

'A. THE PHASES OF THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
(RELATED TO THE PROGRESS IN UNIFIL'S DEPLOYMENT)
WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING ORDER
OF PRIORITIES.

EACH PHASE MIGHT BE COMPOSED OF MORE THAN ONE
AREA OUT OF THE LIST OF PRIORITIES:

1. THE REST OF ARKUB AREA.
2. THE AREA FROM A POINT 1 KM. WEST OF AQIA BRIDGE,
WESTWARDS ALONG THE LITANI RIVER FOR 10 KM, AND
SOUTHWARDS 4 KM.
3. THE MAJDAL E SALAM AREA U TO THE TIBNIN-
RANDURIA (GHANDURIYIH?) ROAD.
4. THE AREA NORTH OF TIBNIN UP TO JOIA.
5. THE AREA OF TIBNIN.
6. THE AREA OF JOIA.

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7. THE AREA OF KAMA.
 8. THE AREA OF YA'ATAR.
 9. THE AREA OF BINT E JBEIL.
 10. THE AREA OF RAS-BAYADA.
- B. THE TIMETABLE AND THE DETAILED PHASES WILL
BE COORDINATED WITH GENERAL SIILASVUO."

3. COMMENT: THIS CERTAINLY IN NO WAY MEETS MY REQUEST
TO WEIZMAN DURING OUR LAST MEETING (SEE REFTTEL) FOR A
COMPREHENSIVE WITHDRAWAL PLAN WHICH WOULD GET THE IDF
COMPLETELY OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON PRIOR TO THE END OF APRIL.
I IMMEDIATELY DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH EVRON WHO HAD ALREADY
RECEIVED REPORT ON DINIT/SAUNDERS TELCON (REF B) STRESS-
ING URGENT NEED FOR A NEW STATEMENT CONTAINING "AN APRIL
DATE CERTAIN" TO BE ISSUED BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. HE
IS CONSULTING WITH DAYAN AS TO BEST WAY TO GET THE
URGENCY OF THE UNSC PROBLEM ACROSS TO THE GOI AT THIS
STAGE. I WILL TACKLE WEIZMAN AGAIN AS SOON AS I
HEAR BACK FROM EVRON. WE MAY NEED TO GO TO BEGIN,
WHO IS IN HOSPITAL FOR CHECK-UP TODAY BUT DUE OUT TONIGHT.
(DURING LAST FEW DAYS I HAVE BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE
SCENES TO GET THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BACK INTO THE ACT

ON SOUTH LEBANON, AND HAVE SOME REASON NOW TO HOPE THAT
IS GRADUALLY BEING ACCOMPLISHED.) LEWIS

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